

2. Government Order No. L. 14654-770—M.L. 163-52-2, dated 26th November 1952, delegating certain powers to the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore, in respect of Town Municipalities in the State.

ORDER No. L. 11289-407—M.L. 193-53-1, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 9TH DECEMBER 1953.

Government, in their Notification No. L. 5087—M.L. 185-33-2 dated 8-10th January 1934 read above, regulated that no original work shall be commenced by the Municipal Council or in its behalf by the Public Works or other Department or the Sanitary Engineer, Health Department, without the previous sanction of:—

- (i) The Deputy Commissioner, when the estimated cost exceeds Rs. 3,000 but does not exceed Rs. 5,000
- (ii) the Government when the estimated cost exceeds Rs. 5,000

2. While Government delegated certain powers to the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in respect of Town Municipalities in the State in Government Order No. L. 14654-770—M.L. 163-53-2 dated 26th November 1952, the powers of sanction of estimates in respect of original works in Town Municipalities are limited to Rs. 5,000. Thus the powers exercised by the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore became identical. With a view to avoiding the overlapping of powers, it is considered desirable that enlarged powers may be conferred on the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in this behalf.

3. Accordingly in supersession of the Notification No. L. 5086—M.L. 185-33-2 dated 10th January 1934 and in partial modification of the Government Order dated 26th November 1952 in regard to the sanction of estimates of works in Town Municipalities in the State, Government are pleased to direct that no original work shall be commenced by the Municipal Council or in its behalf by the Public Works Department, without the previous sanction of:—

- (i) the Deputy Commissioner when the estimated cost exceeds Rs. 3,000 but does not exceed Rs. 5,000;
- (ii) the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore when the estimated cost exceeds Rs. 5,000 but does not exceed Rs. 10,000
- (iii) the Government when the cost exceeds Rs. 10,000,

4. The Municipal Councils may sanction within budget limits all repair work and original works not exceeding Rs. 3,000 in that of Town Municipal Council under Rule 241 (i) of the Municipal Accounts Manual, Part II.

5. The Controller, State Accounts Department, is requested to issue necessary amendments to Rule 250 (c) of the Municipal Accounts Manual, Part II.

G. V. K. RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government and Planning Department.

Sanctions the Constitution of a Special Committee for examining the matters regarding the continuance of the District Boards, etc.

ORDER No. L.B. 11133-48—L.B. 71-53-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 14TH DECEMBER 1953.

A Committee was constituted by Government in September 1949 under the Chairmanship of Sri V. Venkatappa, M.L.A. to examine the question of co-ordinating the work of the local bodies and other authorities in the field of rural development and integrating the activities of these bodies and placing them on a statutory footing. The Committee reported on the 12th June 1950 and recommended the constitution of Group Panchayets and District Boards indirectly elected by members of the Panchayets. The recommendations were accepted by Government, and Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act was passed in January 1952.

When the question of the formation of Group Panchayets was taken up and objections were called for to the establishment of these panchayets according to the procedure laid down, it was found that there was a large measure of opposition to doing away with the system of single village panchayets, and to the formation of group panchayets. The Act was, therefore, amended in August 1952 to enable the formation of single village panchayets on a larger scale.

Government have been trying for over a year to constitute the District Boards under the new Act. It has been found that there is considerable opinion against the District Boards being constituted on the basis of indirect elections provided in the Act. It has also been pressed upon the attention of Government that Mysore would be well advised to establish Taluk Boards. The Planning Commission also contemplated the appointment of regional boards for framing and watching the execution of development programmes in each region. The opinion appears to be divided and it is necessary that any action taken by the Government in constituting these bodies, which have an important role to play in the rural development programme and the execution of the Five-Year Plan, should have a wide measure of public support.

In these circumstances Government think that it is necessary that this matter should be thoroughly examined by a fully representative Committee which can make proposals acceptable to as large a body of opinion as possible. They accordingly direct that a Committee be constituted to go into this matter. The terms of reference to the Committee will be:—

- (1) To examine the question of the desirability or otherwise of continuing the District Boards as envisaged in the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act, 1952;
- (2) In the alternative to examine the desirability of constituting Taluk Boards in the State;
- (3) The method of election to these bodies, their functions, finances and powers as also their relationship with Village Panchayets and other cognate matters.

The personnel of the Committee will be as follows:—

Chairman.

Sri D. H. Chandrasekhariah, B.A., LL.B.

Members.

Sri N. C. Nagaiah Reddy, M.L.A.

Sri B. C. Nanjundaiah, M.L.A.

Sri J. Mohamed Imam, M.L.A.

Sri A. R. Badrinarayan

Sri Boranna Gowda, M.L.A.

Sri N. P. Govinda Gowda, M.L.C.

Srimathi Lakshmidevi Ramanna, M.L.A.

Sri M. Madaiah, M.L.A.

Sri Abdul Razaack, Bellary.

Sri N. S. Hirannayya, Commissioner for Local Self-Government.

Secretary.

Sri B. Venkataramia, Assistant Secretary to Government, Local Boards Branch.

The Committee will draw Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance admissible to the members of the Committees in List A of Government Order No. Fl. (B) 14971—C.R. 1-52-27, dated 31st March 1953.

The Committee is requested to start work immediately and to furnish a report as early as possible.

G. V. K. RAO,

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Local Self-Government and
Planning Departments.*